

Dr. Tim Petty - Biography



Tim Petty brings a diverse portfolio to his position as the Assistant Secretary for Water & Science at the Department of the Interior (DOI). As Assistant Secretary he oversees the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey. He previously served as Acting Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water & Science at DOI during President George W. Bush's Administration.

Dr. Petty holds a Ph.D. from the University of Alaska Fairbanks: School of Engineering and Mining, a Master's degree in Executive International Business Management from the University of Maryland's University College, and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geosciences from Purdue University.

Dr. Petty previously worked for three U.S. Senators: Senator Connie Mack of Florida, Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, and Senator James Risch of Idaho. As Senator Risch's Deputy Legislative Director and Legislative Assistant, Dr. Petty was responsible for a broad portfolio of policy issues, including: Water Resources, Hydroelectric Dams, Environmental Protection, Science, Technology, Climate Science, NASA, Cyber-security, Infrastructure, and Telecommunications. This included supporting Senator Risch as a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Dr. Petty was born and raised on a farm in Indiana and brings a life-long connection to the outdoors.

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